

The FCC should not relax the current rules on broadcast ownership to promote further consolidation of the media. In particular, the FCC should not take this decision in blatant violation of the principles of American democracy, best epitomized by its refusal to allow further Congressional inquiry into the issue despite bipartisan support for such inquiry. Actions like this only further confirm the public suspicion that the Bush Administration is primarily interested in furthering the interests of its donors (ClearChannel) and its media outlets (Fox).